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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Mountain View – Woman Charged With 'Anti-Asian Hate Crime'

(U) A Northern California woman was arrested on suspicion of committing an "anti-Asian hate crime" after she allegedly spat on a man and used an ethnic slur, officials say. Karen Inman, 39, was arrested on 5 March during an attempted theft from a grocery store, police said. Inman was charged with petty theft, robbery, and two counts of violation of civil rights by force or threat because of two alleged incidents on 13 February. On that date, Inman allegedly stole items from a store and told the business' staff that she did not need to pay for them because of the staff's Asian ethnicity, according to a statement from the Mountain View Police Department.

SOURCE: 8 March 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – \$2.5M in Meth Seized at International Bridge

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized approximately \$2.5 million in methamphetamine at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge. The case unfolded when a CBP officer referred a 2008 Volkswagen Touareg for a secondary inspection. Authorities then discovered 126.67-pounds of meth following K-9 and X-ray inspections. The driver, a 24-year-old female US citizen, was arrested pending further investigation. CBP officers seized the narcotics and vehicle. Homeland Security Investigations took over the case.

SOURCE: 8 March 2021, [Laredo Morning Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Campaign Aims to Undermine Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines

(U) Washington – Russian intelligence agencies have mounted a campaign to undermine confidence in Pfizer Inc.'s and other Western vaccines, using online publications that in recent months have questioned the vaccines' development and safety. An official with the State Department's Global Engagement Center, which monitors foreign disinformation efforts, identified four publications that he said have served as fronts for Russian intelligence. The websites played up the vaccines' risk of side effects, questioned their efficacy, and said the US had rushed the Pfizer vaccine through the approval process, among other false or misleading claims.

SOURCE: 7 March 2021, [Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) District of Columbia – FBI Warns White Supremacists Seek Affiliation with Law Enforcement

(U) Washington – Based on investigations between 2016 and 2020, agents and analysts with the FBI concluded that white supremacists and other right-wing extremists would very likely seek affiliation with military and law enforcement entities in furtherance of their ideologies. The document focuses on extremists inspired by a white-supremacist publication. Conclusions in the assessment were based on information from records and informants.

SOURCE: 8 March 2021, [ABC News](#)

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(U) Montana – Fourth Man Accused of Participating in US Capitol Riot

(U) Helena – A fourth Montanan has been accused of participating the January 2021 riot at the US Capitol. Isaac Steve Sturgeon, has been indicted on more than a half dozen charges, including obstruction of justice, assaulting and impeding officers, engaging in physical violence in a restricted building, and an act of physical violence in the Capitol grounds. Prosecutors allege in court documents that Sturgeon was seen on an officer's body-worn camera and was part of a group who picked up a metal barricade and shoved it into a group of DC Metropolitan Police officers.

SOURCE: 8 March 2021, [KTVH](#)

(U) New Jersey – Cyberattack Hits Employee Portal Containing Sensitive Data

(U) Trenton – Hackers targeted the accounts of approximately 200 state employees in a cyberattack on a government portal that holds sensitive personal and financial data. The attack occurred in January 2021 and was disclosed to employees and their accounts were disabled. Cyberattacks are a persistent threat to governments of all types, in part due to antiquated systems and a lack of standards. The most prominent recent attack was the 2020 SolarWinds malware attack that targeted about 250 federal agencies and private businesses.

SOURCE: 8 March 2021, [Trenton Bureau](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Far-Left Extremist Takes Credit for Attempted Arson Attack on French Newspaper

(U) Toulouse – A claim of responsibility for the attempted arson of several vehicles of a French newspaper has been made on a well-known far-left anarchist web platform. The attempted attack took place last week when an unidentified perpetrator broke into the premises of French newspaper La Dépêche du Midi. A claim of responsibility was later posted on a far-left web platform.

SOURCE: 9 March 2021, [Breitbart](#)

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